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Iraqi Envoy Says Baghdad Ready to Negotiate

Iraq's UN Ambassador told the press Saturday his government was ready to negotiate an end to war, disputing the notion that Baghdad's surprise peace proposal set conditions for an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait. The Ambassador also reportedly told a closed-door Security Council meeting that Baghdad could retaliate with chemical weapons if coalition forces did not halt the bombing of Iraq. [REDACTED]

Comment: The Iraqi Ambassador's comments to the press were vague and probably did not completely reflect Baghdad's position; his communications with Baghdad--like those between other Iraqi diplomatic missions and the capital--have been limited. His remarks probably reflect his own personal opinion and almost certainly were tailored for his UN audience. [REDACTED]

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